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FRONT PAGE EL NACIONAL OCTOBER 26 HEADLINES RESPONSE OF MINISTER
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS EFRAIN SCHACHT ARISTEGUIETA TO GERMAN
MINISTER OF FINANCE HANS APEL UNDER TITLE: "THREATS OF WAR
OVER PETROLEUM PRICES ARE DANGEROUS AND INADMISSIBLE."
STORY QUOTES SCHACHT AS HAVING LABELED THE DECLARATIONS MADE BY
APEL IN BONN A 'CONTAGIOUS PHENOMENON', DANGEROUS AND INAD-
MISSIBLE IN THE SENSE THAT A RAISING OF PETROLEUM PRICES COULD
CAUSE THE CONSUMER COUNTRIES TO TAKE 'MILITARY REPRISALS'.
SCHACHT SAID HE CONSIDERED THE GERMAN MINISTER'S DECLARATIONS
ALARMING AND HE WAS PREOCCUPIED BY THEM BECAUSE THIS WAS THE
SECOND WORLD LEADER, THE FIRST HAVING BEEN PRESIDENT FORD, TO
SPEAK OF THE THREAT OF WAR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PETROLEUM
PROBLEM. SCHACHT FURTHER SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THESE
PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED BY WAR BUT RATHER WITH INTELLIGENCE AND
BASIC CONSIDERATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES
TO OBTAIN JUST PRICES FOR THIS AND ANY OTHER OF THEIR NATURAL
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RESOURCES. ASKED IF HE THOUGHT APEL'S STATEMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN

AN ATTEMPT TO SEEK OUT SYMPATHY WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESENT
A COMMON FRONT AGAINST OPEC, SCHACHT SUGGESTED THAT THE REPORTER
WHO ASKED THE QUESTION GO TO GERMANY AND ASK APEL DIRECTLY.
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